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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART Meeting Concerning Phasing Schedule of Pilots

1. A decision was made that upon satisfactory security clearances the first group of eight pilots would be contacted between 1 July and 1 September 1961 to advise them that they had been selected for a particular program which would include the overflight of denied territory. There would be no specific reference to the OXCART vehicle, and, in fact, there would be no attempt to explain the type vehicle involved other than to assure that it was a further development in the "state of the art". It was concluded that it was necessary to indicate the overflight aspects of the program in order to lend greater cred for the psychological assessment. The physical examination at Lovelace would commence on 1 September 1961.

2. The second group of eight pilots would follow the above proceedings except they will be informed of their selection between 1 October and 1 December 1961. The pilots will retain their Air Force status through the [REDACTED] be signed to an Agency contract.

3. The following actions are required and have been assigned to the offices designated:

- a. Develop and finalize a contract not later than 1 July 1961.
Action: Personnel/DPD
- b. Identify Headquarters interviewers and establish procedures for interviews. This will include a written briefing document which can be read by the pilot. Action: Para/Cover/DPD
- c. Interview first group of pilots between 1 July and 1 September.
Action: Personnel/DPD

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d. Interview second group of pilots between 1 October and 1 December 1961. Actionee: DPD/Personnel.

4. It was concluded that the initial interviews will be conducted by a senior Air Force Officer representing the USAF, namely, [REDACTED] a security officer from DPD, a senior officer of DPD and the Personnel Case Officer assigned to the OXCART pilots. Chief, Personnel, DPD will designate the Personnel Case Officer.

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Executive Officer
DPD-EE/P

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